



Fashion, Lifestyle and Entertainment with *Esther Cvejic*

Josh Groban: don't miss out!

Witness one of the most beautiful voices in the world when 26 year old singing sensation Josh Groban tours Australia in September and October. With album sales in excess of fifteen million worldwide, fans can expect an amazing show. Tickets are selling fast for the Los Angeles native's much anticipated 'Awake' tour which includes his six-piece band, full orchestra and choir. The NY Times raved in their review of Groban's sold out Madison Square Garden show in New York City earlier this year: "He's a crooner with the power to knock the arena senseless" (March 13, 2007). Groban stormed onto the music scene in 2001 with the release of his self-titled album, followed by 'Closer' and the hit single, 'You Raise Me Up'. Tour information can be found at www.dcegroup.com, and bookings can be made through www.ticketek.com or by contacting 132 849.



A classic yarn

Cashmere is timeless, synonymous with luxury, glamour and style. Warm but incredibly light to wear, its softness and handle are without comparison. Indulge at The House of Cashmere for the greatest couture collection and extensive colour palette of this exclusive yarn, spun in leading Italian mills from the coats of white alp goats of Inner Mongolia. Australian owned and designed, The House of Cashmere has been catering for men and women for eighteen years and also stocks a sumptuous range of rugs and throws for the home. For locations visit www.houseofcashmere.com.au or contact (02) 9231 5155.

Eat with DeVito

South Beach Miami is known for its art deco architecture, hot Latin nights and vibrant party atmosphere, and it has now added a new colourful personality to its beat. Lovable character and Hollywood star, Emmy award-winning actor Danny DeVito – in collaboration with renowned South Florida restaurateur David Manero and business partner Michael Brauser – has opened a new Italian restaurant, DeVito's, on trendy Ocean Drive. The signature meal is a \$325 trio of steaks from Japan, Australia and the United States that serves three people. DeVito had a hand in developing the classic-meets-contemporary Italian menu, which focuses on prime meats and fresh seafood. "Fish is really big for me – sushi, a nice branzino or spigola (sea bass) or pasta with some great cheese like pecorino or Romano with some prosciutto or salami. If you haven't noticed, I'm not one to pass up a meal. The food is so good it'll make your head spin, this is gonna be the damn hippest place on the planet!" DeVito said. DeVito's South Beach is located at 150 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida – visit www.devitosouthbeach.com or contact (305) 531-0911.



Travel in style

If you're aching for a grand tour of Europe and need to be in the know, get up to date with the latest 2007 edition of the Louis Vuitton City Guide which lists 30 cities and 7,500 addresses that combine traditional values and locations with new and extravagant aspects. Palaces, charming hotels, gourmet restaurants, local bistros, bars, discotheques, markets, designers, antiquarians, galleries, walks, museums and more – best pack the recovery syrum! The handy, unique guide is made up of nine paperback booklets that can easily be packed away to accompany the traveller on their escapades. And just one more thing – don't forget to book yourself a return trip home, because everyone will want to hear all about it! RRP \$125 per set. Visit www.louisvuitton.com or contact 1300 883 880.

Give your office a designer touch

At the launch of the 2007 Milan Furniture Fair, Italian furniture design company Kartell collaborated with fashion icons Valentino, Burberry, Dolce & Gabbana, Trussardi, Ermenegildo Zegna, Moschino and Missoni (pictured) to name just a few, to interpret the chic Mademoiselle armchair by French designer Philippe Starck. It's the perfect match of transparency and softness, aesthetics and comfort, delicacy of appearance and practical strength. The seat is in polyurethane with fabric upholstery with the structure of the base is in transparent polycarbonate. Whether decorating or after some contemporary 'wow' factor, check out Space Furniture. Priced from \$1,000, visit www.spacefurniture.com or phone (02) 9339 7588.



Walk the walk

'No Guts, No Glory!' is the motto behind

Croft footwear creator Paul La Rosa. Combining 17 years of industry experience in footwear product development, sales and brand management to debut on the catwalk at this year's L'Oréal Melbourne Fashion Festival. "Australian men are becoming bolder in their fashion style and are looking for something different. I intend to create great shoes that bridge the gap between high fashion, high priced elitist brands and mainstream footwear by offering fashionable styling at moderate prices", said La Rosa. For stockist enquiries visit www.croftshoes.com.au or phone (03) 9495 6755.

Never be late again

Nike Timing introduce the Oregon Leather Analogue. With a distinctive design featuring two time zones built with stainless steel mineral-glass crystal display and a water-resistant chocolate leather band, the watch also has date display and one touch backlighting. The Triax Swift ADX has stepped up the technology to offer the first Nike watch with two different viewing options



- digital or analogue - with features for those who take sport and style seriously. Oregon Leather RRP \$269; Triax Swift ADX RRP \$199. Available nationally, call 1300 300 776.

Material girls

Zentini is the brainchild of Jacquie McGowen and Amanda Armstrong who formed a friendship whilst working together at a large insurance company. In 2003 their quest to pursue a common dream of creating something unique and individual resulted in a cutting edge boutique brand that offers personalised service and an open friendly relationship with their customers. The Zentini range is produced locally using quality and distinctive fabrics from Italy, London, France and Germany. Limited numbers ensures new monthly stock turnover for the fashion conscious professional man or woman, and they even make to measure. For boutique locations visit www.zentini.com.au phone (02) 9232 4295.



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